Treatment of diabetes

1381. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one community in Rajasthan has the answer to diabetes;

(b) if so, whether any study is proposed to be conducted to find out the exact cause thereof; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) it has been demonstrated that in type 1 diabetic patients, moderate intake of camel milk improved the glycemic status and reduced the insulin requirement. Raica community resides in North West Rajasthan and the striking feature of this community, in comparison to others, is their consumption of camel milk. ICMR has proposed to initiate two studies on the anti-diabetic properties on camel milk. These studies are entitled "Hypoglycemic/Insulin like activity in camel milk: quantification of the effect in animal models of diabetes/Insulin resistance" and "Effective of Camel Milk on Glucose Metabolism in Adults with Normal Glucose Tolerance and Type 2 Diabetes in Raica Community: a cross over study". The studies have not yet been started and are planned to begin in 2005 and likely to be completed in 2 years time after commencement of the study.

Female condoms

1382. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to introduce female condoms for birth control and for preventing AIDS in India; and

(b) if so, when Government propose to supply the female condoms in view of the ever-growing population in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (b) The Government of India has prepared as concept note to introduce female condoms as part of targeted intervention strategy of NACO. Under the programme, the distribution of female condoms as a pilot scheme with limited funds from NACO would be made through leading Social Marketing Organizations in metropolitan cities. The proposal is in its initial stages of consideration with regard to its cost, subsidy, procurement and distribution network on pilot basis.

Medical aid to BPL families

†1383. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Shankar Roy Chaudhary Committee constituted by Government;

(b) if so, whether recommendation has been made to limit the Government medical aid only to the families living below poverty line;

(c) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the suggestions made in the above report for reforming medical system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government has not constituted any committee under the Chairmanship of Shankar Roy Chaudhary.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.